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☒ in accordance with the indication required by 37 CFR 60(b) my records reflect that the original signed declaration showing applicant's signature was filed on May 3, 2000.

- ☐ the amendment referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application and I hereby state, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.60(b), that this amendment did not introduce new matter therein.

2. Amendments

- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-14 and 22-28 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

3. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment

- ☐ There is provided herewith a Petition to Suspend Prosecution for the time necessary to file an amendment (new application filed concurrently).

4. Information Disclosure Statement

- ☐ An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
				\$ 710.00
Total Claims	1 - 20 =	0 x	\$ 18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 x	\$ 78 =	\$ .00
[0] Multiple dependent claims			\$260 =	\$ .00

- ☒ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time. (37 CFR 1.16(d))

FILING FEE CALCULATION \$710.00

6. Small Entity Status

- ☐ A verified statement that this filing is by a small entity:
- ☐ is attached
  - ☐ has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Drawings

- ☒ A copy of the original information drawings is enclosed.
- ☐ Transfer the formal drawings from the prior application to this application and, subject to item 17 below, abandon said prior application as of the filing date according to this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- ☐ Transfer the following sheets of drawing from the prior application to this application  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the amendment canceling these sheets of drawing in the prior application is attached.
- ☐ New drawings are enclosed
- ☐ formal
  - ☐ informal

8. Priority - 35 USC 119

- ☐ Priority of application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This is a

☐ continuation

☒ divisional

of copending application

☒ Serial No. 09/563,740 filed on May 3, 2000.

☐ International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and which designated the U.S.".

10. Inventorship Statement

- (a) With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventors in this application are:

☒ the same

☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application is deleted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Names of inventors to be deleted)

- (b) The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

☐ the same

☐ not the same, and an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted.

11. Assignment

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to the United States of America.

☐ An assignment of the invention to the United States of America, is attached. A separate ☐ "Cover Sheet for



15. Power of Attorney

- ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
James B. Bechtel, Esq.  
Reg. No. 29,890  
Patent Counsel, NSWC Dahlgren Division
- ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- ☐ A new power has been executed and is attached.
- ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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16. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

17. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

- ☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application.
- ☐ A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

18. Notification in Parent Application of the Filing of this Continuation Application

- ☐ A notification of the filing of this continuation is being filed in the parent application from which this application claims priority under 35 USC 120.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 8, 2001

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Beverly D. Cook